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1. claims: 1-21, 23-25, 28, 29

An intervertebral prosthesis comprising a first plate and a second plate, wherein each plate comprises a substantially flat bone engaging surface with a macro-textured surface capable of rasping an interstitial bone surface, and one or more lugs which on intervertebral insertion of the prosthesis abut a non-interstitial surface of the vertebrae to limit insertion of the prosthesis.

2. claim: 22

An insertion tool comprising: a shaft having a proximal end and a distal end wherein the proximal end comprises a grip and the distal end comprises two prosthesis engaging arms that are biased apart; and a cylinder having a proximal and distal end in rotational engagement around the main shaft, wherein the distal end of the cylinder contacts the prosthesis engaging arms, and wherein on rotation of the cylinder in a distal direction, the distal end of the cylinder forces the prosthesis engaging arms together to grip an intervertebral prosthesis according to any one of claims 1 to 16.

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